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In re Application of :
Protz et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/806,816 :
Filed: July 6, 2001 :
Atty Docket No. 592050-2022 :

This is a decision on the PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed October 8, 2008.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a reply to the non-final Office action mailed March 23, 2007. This Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months, with extensions of time obtainable under § 1.136(a). No reply timely filed and no extension of time obtained, the application became abandoned effective June 24, 2007. A courtesy Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 23, 2007. (It is noted that this Notice was returned to the Office by the US Postal Service).

The petition includes the required reply, the required statement of unintentional delay and payment of the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(m). No terminal disclaimer is required.

Technology Center AU 1794 has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the amendment submitted on petition filed October 8, 2008.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

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